Hike of price of LPG Cylinder

1461. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIND RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations against hike of price of L.P.G. cylinder used for commercial purposes; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps being taken by Govt. to lower the price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to lower the price of LPG for commercial use, as LPG price for non-domestic use has always been non-subsidised and higher than the domestic price. Industry earlier was not organised to charge the non-subsidised price to LPG supplied in cylinders. They have now made arrangements for confining supplies of subsidised LPG only to domestic use.

Relaxation of items for which registration is banned

1462. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the items for which registration had been banned in small scale sector during the last 15 years has since been relaxed for registration in 'No Industry Districts|Special Region Districts' and other Backward Districts categories under 'B' and 'C' districts; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, except Pesticide Formulations.

The relaxation for registration of new capacities in 'No Industry Districts/Special Region districts' & other backward districts under categories 'B' and 'C' in respect of items on the restricted list was granted on the recommendations of Small Scale Industries Board w.e.f. 2.7.1983. However on Pesticide formulations, restriction was reimposed on account of idle capacity, safety considerations and lack of quality control measures w.e.f. 9.10.85.

Items banned for manufacturing in Small Scale Sector

1463. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the items which had been banned for manufacturing in Small Scale Sector and since when;

(b) what are the reasons for not relaxing the conditions for Small Scale Sector; and

(c) by when they are likely to be relaxed for small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There are no items which are banned for manufacturing in Small Scale Sector. However, a list of items which have been excluded from exemption from industrial licensing even for the small scale sector and the dates since when they were so excluded is attached as statement (*see* blow.

(b) This exclusion from exemption from industrial licensing has been done due to variety of reasons such as, pollution control, prevention of health hazards, quality control and public safety etc.

(c) There is no proposal to relax the present industrial licensing policy for these items.